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SUBJ: UPU CONGRESS: REPRESENTATION OF NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES

REF: A) STATE 138678, B) GENEVA 4059, C) STATE 129967,

D) GENEVA 3243, EP GENEVA 3820

1. PRIOR TO INTRODUCTION OF SENEGALESE MOTION TO REFER SUBJECT PROPOSAL (TEXT BELOW) TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY, THERE WAS INCONCLUSIVE AND CONFUSED DEBATE REVOLVING GENERALLY AROUND QUESTION OF WHETHER PROPOSAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OR SIMPLY AN INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 2 OF CONSTITUTION.

2. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT UPU LEGAL ADVISOR STATED BEFORE GENERAL COMMITTEE THAT IS NOT AMENDMENT BUT RATHER INTERPRETATION, BUT SINCE MATTER NOT BROUGHT TO VOTE IMPLICATIONS THIS OPINION NOT PUT TO TEST. IN ANY EVENT, DEBATE WAS ENDED BEFORE US DEL COULD TAKE FLOOR.

3. AFTER GC MEETING CERTAIN AFRICAN CO-SPONSORS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED DISMAY AT SENEGALESE INITIATIVE WHICH APPARENTLY MADE WITHOUT CONSULTATION. SENEGALESE PLEA THAT COUNTRIES INVOLVED VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAW MEMBERSHIP THEIR TERRITORIES WAS MADE AT END
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OF DEBATE AND CONSEQUENTLY NOT DISCUSSED.P

4. IN ABSENCE MOST DELS ON 4-DAY BREAK ENDING JULY 1 WHEN
PLENARIES RESUME, MISSION HAS CHECKED WITH GENEVA-BASED
COLLEAGUES WHO GENERALLY AGREE THAT 1) PRACTICAL EFFECT OF
REFERRAL PROPOSAL TO EC, IF UNCHANGED, WILL PRESERVE TERRITORIES
MEMBERSHIP UNTIL 18TH CONGRESS AND 2) IT REASONABLE ASSUME THAT GC
DECISION WILL BE SUSTAINED.

5. SINCE REASON HAS NOT CONSISTENTLY BEEN GUIDING PRINCIPLE
DELIBERATIONS THIS CONGRESS, THERE APPEARS STILL TO BE SOME
LIKELIHOOD THAT MATTER WILL BE AGAIN DISCUSSED IN PLENARY. IN THIS
CASE ASSUME THAT INSTRUCTIONS REF: C STILL OBTAIN.

6. FOLLOWING TEXT "PROPOSAL OF A GENERAL NATURE" INTRODUCED BY
ALGERIA, BAHRAIN, CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD,
CONGO (PEOPLE'S REP), DAHOMEY, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA,
GUINEA, IRAQ, IVORY COAST, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBERIA,
LIBYA, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, NIGER, OMAN, QATAR, SOMALIA, SAUDI
ARABIA, SENEGAL, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TUNISIA,
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UPPER VOLTA, YEMEN (PEOPLE'S DEM REP):
QUOTE: RESOLUTION, REPRESENTATION OF NON-AUTONOMOUS
TERRITORIES

CONGRESS, CONSIDERING

1. THAT ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UPU DEFINING MEMBER-
COUNTRY STATUS APPLIES:
 - A. TO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE MEMBERSHIP STATUS AT THE DATE ON WHICH
THE CONSTITUTION CAME INTO FORCE;
 - B. TO COUNTRIES ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II;
2. THAT THE REPRESENTATION OF NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES OR GROUPS
OF TERRITORIES HAS ALWAYS CAUSED KEEN CONTROVERSY AT PREVIOUS
CONGRESSES;
3. THAT SUCH TERRITORIES DO NOT BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS;

DECIDES THAT ONLY SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES SHALL BE CONSIDERED MEMBERS
OF THE UPU. END QUOTE. ABRAMS

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